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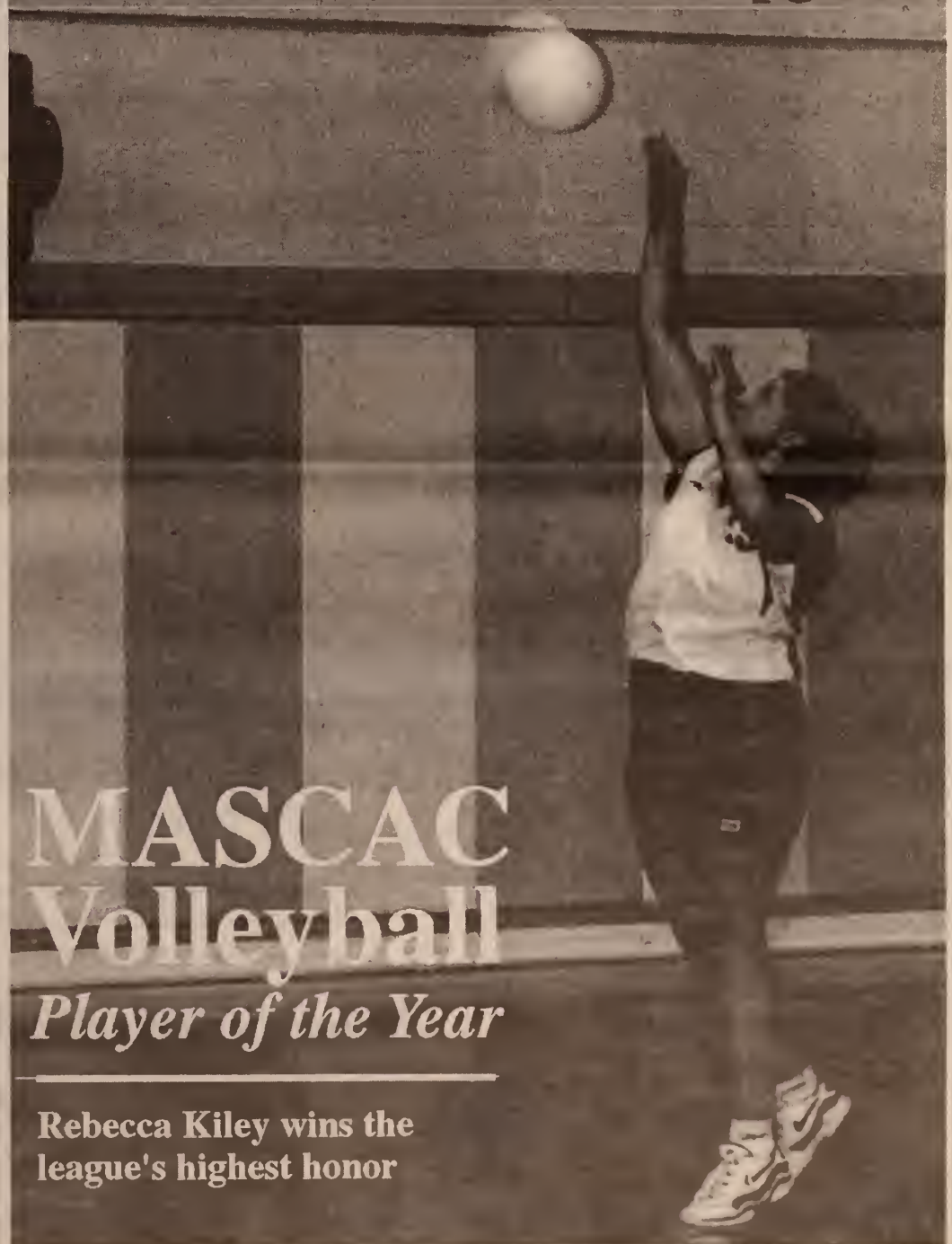
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Want is a Good Screw' on pg 4 **



**MASCAC
Volleyball**
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**Rebecca Kiley wins the
league's highest honor**

Plan to Close Highland Ave. Withdrawn, for now

Recently, FSC petitioned the City of Fitchburg Planning Board to hold a public hearing with the initiative of discontinuing a portion of Highland Avenue between Ross Street and Pearl Street in order to "unify the college campus."

However, the petition was withdrawn and the meeting was postponed so that FSC could collect more feedback from the residents and city officials; they hope this would alleviate subsequent parking problems that this plan could potentially create. According to Steven Lanciani, Vice President of Facilities Management, the closing of this portion of Highland Ave. would eliminate between fifty and sixty parking spaces.

It has been stated that the purpose of this proposed project is to improve the appearance of the college by "creating more open green-space," and, to create a pedestrian walkway from the southerly end of the Anthony building to the southerly end of the Conlon Building "so that student don't get run over when walking to class," says Lanciani.

Instead of cars passing through the current Highland Ave., there would be two coldasacs: one behind the Anthony Building and another in the vicinity of Pearl Street and Miller Hall. According to Lanciani, these coldasacs would allow better access to the college in emergency situations.

Before the plan can be enacted, the parking dilemma must be resolved.

Parking has become an even greater predicament since residents have been expressing increasing concern with students and employees parking in front of their homes. Some are proposing that parking on surround streets should be limited to residents only.

In an attempt to abate this problem, President Riccards is establishing a shuttle bus service that can be expected to begin in late November that would transport students from the Civic Center parking lot on John Fitch Highway to campus. Bids from bus companies will be considered in mid-November. According to Chief William Cunningham of Public Safety, the bus would make a continuous loop,

stooping at various stops around campus, including Hammond, North Street, Weston, and McKay. These trips would happen about every fifteen minutes from 7:30 am to late afternoon.

Another proposed plan to fix the parking problems is to build a parking garage. This plan could not be initiated however, until far into the future. Bids for just a one-level parking garage are estimated to cost between 1.2 million and 1.5 million, creating an extra two-hundred spaces.

After these aspects of the plan have been considered and if the petition is resubmitted, the plan would not be enacted for at least another year and a half.

- Nichole E. Moreau

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Saturday, Nov. 22

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Response to all women want is a good screw

Opinion

Every time I think that women are finally being treated as equals, something awakens me. This time, it was Zach Adams' "All Women Want is a Good Screw." In this article, Mr. Adams proclaims himself a 'sensitive guy,' yet to me, all he seems concerned with is

...I've heard of men using sweet words which turn sour after their night of fun.

why he isn't getting 'laid.'

Mr. Adams' thought process (I use that term loosely) makes me think he also believes that lesbianism can be 'cured' if lesbians would just sleep with 'real men.' Women behave, think, and feel as complete and separate entities. The kind of thinking, that spawned last week's article, sets us back decades.

Do all women care only about sex? I haven't asked all of them, but myself and my friends would rather an emotional relationship than a physical one. Perhaps some women care only for sex, just as some men would rather have love than sex. But these behaviors can't be generalized. I would be apprehensive about using the word 'most,' without proper research to back up such findings. But this article provides no such thing.

I know women who are interested in only sex. I know at least twice as many men who are, and a few who admit they used to be. The women are straight-forward and let their night's companion know what they want. Far

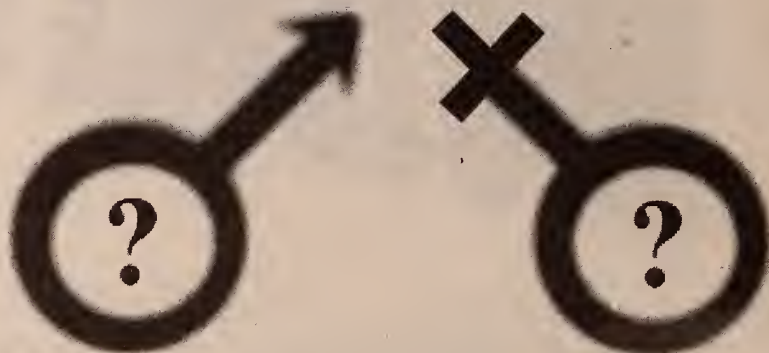
too often, however, I've heard of men using sweet words which turn sour after their night of fun. Maybe you have heard of such things, as well.

Perhaps that's why it appears to many that women go after 'dogs.' The dogs are usually charming. More often than not, they are exceptionally attractive. A flirt (no matter his appearance) can make a woman feel she is special. But when a woman realizes 'the dog' doesn't respect her, she feels used and hurt. Some women decide

to then act like the 'dog' did. I guess it's about finding the right man/women.

The kind of man I am looking for is the fictional one who would rather see my smile than my tears. Who actually listens, and wants to hear what I have to say. Not because he considers it foreplay, but because my opinion and I matter to him. This guy wants me

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SOCIAL DEVIANCE

From the Files of Public Safety

Wednesday, November 12, 1997

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Unwanted person in McKay.

ANIMAL COMPLAINT - Report of dog left unattended in locked vehicle in Townhouse South Lot.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY - Checked out individual in McKay Lot.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY - Checked area for report of individuals in the woods at rear of Russell Towers.

Thursday, November 13, 1997

FIRE ALARM - Police and Fire dispatched to Mara Village.

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Medical call in Parkinson.

BURGLAR ALARM - Trouble with system at McKay.

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Medical call in Hammond.

Friday, November 14, 1997

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Report of large group knocking over trash cans on Cedar Street, FPD notified.

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Emergency Call-Box activation at McKay, area checked, no one around.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY - Subjects climbing on scaffolding next to Miller Hall.

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Medical call in Condi Lot.

LARCENY UNDER \$250 - In Conlon FA (under investigation).

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Officer requested to stand-by in Mara Village (ref: Resident Life issue).

AMBULANCE CALL - Police and Ambulance dispatched to Wallace Civic Center.

Saturday, November 15, 1997

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DISORDERLY CONDUCT/LITTERING - In Russell.

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DISORDERLY CONDUCT - Individual kicking newspaper dispenser in Weston.

NOISE COMPLAINT - Individual yelling in area of Main Quad.

HARASSMENT - In Mara Village (under investigation).

AMBULANCE CALL - Police and Ambulance dispatched to Parkinson.

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Larceny on Ross Street, referred same to FPD.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY - Report of someone turning on lights in library after they have been turned off.

Sunday, November 16, 1997

MOTOR VEHICLE TOWED - Unregistered vehicle in Upper Weston Lot.

BREAKING & ENTERING INTO MOTOR VEHICLE/LARCENY - In Ross Street Lot (under investigation).

Monday, November 17, 1997

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Health and Welfare checked on student in Russell requested.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY - Checked out vehicle in Ross Street Lot.

ARREST - Nancy Lupien, allegedly (1) Operating without a License (2) Giving a Police Officer a false name (3) 3 Default Warrants out of Fitchburg District Court (4) 4 Default Warrants out of Leominster District Court.

PRISONER WATCH - Ptl. Bellar and prisoner at Leominster Police Dept. until court in the morning.

DISTURBANCE - Reported fights in Gymnasium, group dispersed.

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Damage to vehicle in Ross Street Lot, referred same to FPD.

Tuesday, November 18, 1997

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Health and Welfare check requested on student in Aubuchon.

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Off-campus past assault on North/Lincoln Streets, FPD notified.

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Report of a woman crying for help outside at rear of Russell Towers, area checked, unable to locate.

NON-CRIMINAL COMPLAINT - In reference to parking on Authority Drive.

Debra Roberts Leaves FSC

Most people wish to leave their legacy at FSC. Debra Roberts, Coordinator of Disability Services, has achieved just that. She has made a difference in other peoples' lives every day for the past five years.

As she was cleaning up her desk to leave FSC and to begin her new position as Director of the Center of Leadership and Career Education, I asked Roberts to reflect on her job in Disability Services.

Buckley: "I understand that there was no Disability Services before you took the position here. How did that come about?"

Roberts: "Because of the new disability laws that had been enacted, FSC was advocating for a full staff person to start up Disability Services. With my extensive occupational therapy and counseling background, I felt it was the perfect field for me. I began as the Coordinator of Disability Services in March of 1993."

Buckley: "A lot of people have the

same educational background. What made you want to work with students with disabilities? What was your motivation?"

Roberts: "I believe that students with disabilities should have the same opportunities in education and in the work place as other people, regardless of their disability."

Buckley: "How many students with disabilities are there at FSC?"

Roberts: "The number of students with disabilities at FSC has been steadily rising. This year, there are approximately 180 students who have identified themselves as a student with a disability."

Buckley: "What kinds of services does Disability Services offer?"

Roberts: "Some of the services provided are: Readers, sign language interpreters, alternate testing sites, peer advising, support groups, and classroom accommodation."

Buckley: "Tell me about the Assistive Technology Lab."

Roberts: "The Assistive Technology Lab is staffed by student technicians trained in the use of Assistive Technology. They can assist students with disabilities by providing knowledge and training in the use of available hardware and software. Some of the equipment available are: a talking thesaurus and calculators, computers with enlarged print for the visually impaired, voiced activated equipment, voice output systems, etc..."

Buckley: "Talk about some of the recent things that have been happening in Disability Services."

Roberts: "A new newsletter will start soon which will feature a profile on a student with a disability and will discuss various disability laws that are in effect. This newsletter will be handled by Kim McClure, an intern with Disability Services, and a practicum student who will be working with Dis-

Good Screw

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near him for the sake of my presence, not my physical aspects.

I know that this type of man is rare, because I've tried so hard to find him. I know of quite a lot of men who come very close, and these are the dear ones who protect me from thinking that all men believe as you do. I consider your article offensive not only to me, but to these friends whose good name you've tarnished.

"All women want is a good screw?" No, thank you, Mr. Adams. We've been screwed plenty - by men like you, and by the centuries-old sexism you displayed so perfectly in your article.

- Alexa Reed

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Think on this:

If you could change one thing about this school, what would it be?

Send your thoughts to **Point@fsc.edu** reach us through campus mail, or slip it under our Hammond office door.

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Rebuttals to 'All Women Want is a Good Screw'

Published 11/12/97 on pg 4 in issue 5 of the Point. Missed it? Read the article at <http://www.fsc.edu/~point>

Finally, someone else noticed it. -Kevin M.

I think that it is unfair to say that women are the only ones who use people for sex. Men use women just as much if not more. -Sarah Daniel

You shouldn't generalize all women this way! I think a lot of women could say the same thing about men-they're all pigs! -K. Richard

I think women want to screw, but with men's minds though. They screw with our emotions. But guys too are usually pigs; we should all admit it. -Matt B.

Not all women are like that; some are though. A lot of women are looking for a caring man and Zac has to find one of these women. -M. Mantoni

I can't say that it's true for all women, but I see that type of behavior, by both men and women, all the time. Some female friends of mine say things like, "why did I go out with that jerk?" And I only say, "because you're an idiot and don't learn from your mistakes." -Mason Fitch

Everyone experiences under appreciation and neglect. What does it have to do with gender? -Keith Fredericks

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Profile: Professor Mana Mercedes Jaramillo

Professor Maria Mercedes Jaramillo received her Doctorate Degree from Syracuse University in New York. She is originally from Colombia, where she taught for four years. She has published five books which critique theater and literature in Colombia. She has been teaching for twelve years as a Spanish professor in the Department of Humanities at FSC.

When I asked Dr. Jaramillo why she wanted to become a teacher, she said that there were many things that influenced her to make the decision to study education. She had a passion for reading and studying history, often spending hours at each. To quote Jaramillo, "Though I liked doing this, I discovered that I wanted to become a teacher."

-Hidalgo: "How did the teachers you had in college influence your decision to become part of that profession?"

-Dr. Jaramillo: "The environment of the class was unique. Usually, the teachers encourage discussion where we would express anything we wanted and we would talk about any issue we were interested in. "Read and read" was the slogan of most of my teachers. The teachers motivated us to read because, as they said, "it was the key to succeed and learn everything in life there is to know." I had a teacher who made the biggest impact in my life. His name was Estanislao Zuleto and he was a professor at the University del Valle in Colombia. He used to say, "Librame Dios de la felicidad y del paraíso," which means, "Oh my Lord, save me from happiness and paradise." He said that difficulties can bring you to look for a solution and that it is important to have difficulties because they teach us to search for a better life-style."

-Hidalgo: "You have been teaching in the United States for a little over twelve years. How would you describe some of the differences among the students here and the students in Colombia?"

-Dr. Jaramillo: "I think that one of the major differences is the money. Students in the United States have more money to go to college. In Colombia, not everyone can buy the books when a new semester starts. Therefore, students get together in groups and help each other out. For example, students might meet in the house of the person who has the books and would study together. An important difference is that students in Colombia have more solidarity and unity among themselves. If a few students in the class do not understand something, they will get together and collaboratively help one another, regardless of the problem."

-Hidalgo: "Professor Jaramillo, what is your philosophy on teaching?"

-Dr. Jaramillo: "I think that part of teaching is to create motivation and interest in the students. It is very important to read and prepare ourselves for the future because the world is changing so much. If we do not follow it, we will be left behind. I like to make students understand that it is important to establish a goal in our lives, then fight until we get it. It does not matter how hard it might be, if we believe in ourselves we can achieve anything. We need to learn that if we fail once, it does not mean that we have to give up. We must make things better and learn from our own experiences. Life is not easy. We need to work hard to get anything we want. Persistence is the most important thing."

-Hidalgo: "FSC faculty and students say that you are a well prepared and smart teacher. How did you build that image among them?"

-Jaramillo: "I love teaching. I respect and learn from the students. I do not think that I am the one who knows everything. Each time I teach there is always something new I learn from the students. Because I read so much, I like to communicate to my students what I read, not to make them agree with me, but to inform them. I encourage them to ask questions, because, if we do not have questions about the things that surround us, life has no meaning at all. Making students address something in their lives and urging them to go for it is my goal."

- Niovel Hidalgo

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ability Services. Also, the Cognito Ergo Sum (C.E.S.) Society will continue to hold fund-raising events to raise money for Project Adventure, a trip to England in the spring to promote leadership qualities with other students with disabilities."

Buckley: "What would you like to see accomplished that hasn't been in the past?"

Roberts: "I would like there to be access for disabled students to any lab on campus; and I would like to see signage in enlarged print and in braille around all the buildings on campus to assist students with disabilities in locating different areas easier."

Buckley: "What about students with disabilities who are in the Continuing Education program?"

Roberts: "I would like there to be a better outreach program to students with disabilities who are in the Continuing Education program. These students don't have a lot of access to services that are available, mainly because they don't know about them if they're only attending classes in the evenings."

Buckley: "What was the biggest

goal on your agenda that you would still like to see come to fruition?"

Roberts: "My biggest goal is for this institution to develop international relations and to foster leadership roles for students with disabilities."

Buckley: "Why did you accept a new position as head of the Center for Leadership and Career Education?"

Roberts: "I love my job here and thought I would stay until I was 60, but I was approached by Shirley Wagner (Academic Affairs) and she asked if I would be interested in serving as the director of this new grant. I took the weekend to discuss the opportunity with my husband Glenn. As a result, I've decided to take the position. This, of course, means that I can no longer be involved with the daily operation of Disability Services."

Buckley: "What sentiment would you like to express before leaving?"

Roberts: "I wanted to express to all that I have really enjoyed my role here at FSC. It has been a wonderful experience over the past five years."

- Karen Buckley

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The Official Simpsons Web Site

URL: <http://www.foxworld.com/simpsons/> ****

This is an essential stop for any Simpsons fan. Through the use of Macromedia's "Flash" plug-in technology, this site offers a rich multimedia experience with surprisingly respectable download times. A free download of the "Flash" plug-in is available at this site, but for those who have slower connections or don't want the plug-in, this site also comes in an "un-flashed" (basic HTML) format, too. The "flash" plug in is available for both PCs and Macs, and while the site warns that it is best viewed with Netscape Navigator 3.0, I had no problems viewing it with Internet Explorer 3.0.

The site's navigation is a simple frame-based navigation bar down the left side of the screen, which includes four sections of the site to explore. It isn't particularly easy to find specific information, but since the sight seems to be geared toward exploration, this shortcoming is excusable.

This site is packed full of all kinds of interesting Simpsons facts, including trivia, a history of the show, profiles of all characters, hot news, and a list of all the guest voices the show has offered over the years.

The most impressive thing on this site though, is the multimedia content. Slick graphics, interactive animations, and great content create a "what will happen if I click here?" type of adventure. This site, if you download the plug-in and have a relatively speedy connection, gets my vote for the perfect "rainy Saturday afternoon" stop. Sure, you won't be doing anything useful, but thanks to the deep content and slick presentation of this site, you will certainly be entertained.

-Mike Darowski

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The Real World: The Ultimate Insider's Guide and The Midnight Special Book Reviews

The Real World: The Ultimate Insider's Guide

by James Solomon with Alan Carter

Okay, so most of us have seen the Real World on T.V. I'll even admit to stopping on MTV during a "flipping session" of television viewing. But that's all it is. A little guilty pleasure. You stop for a couple of minutes (All right, in case of a Real World marathon it could lead to a little more than that), and never look back. Those of you who would ever consider buying one of the books from the Real World (Yes, there are three of them) have to get a grip.

This book actually has quizzes about each of the six casts! Quizzes! Can you imagine?! But mostly this book is full of quotes from your "favorite" cast members from each city. (What I did was open the book to a picture of Cory from the San Francisco cast and started shaking the book and yelling "Shut up! Shut up! Stop your whining! Stop it!")

The book also includes an application for the next Real World cast. You can answer questions such as

"What was the last unusual, exciting or spontaneous outing you instigated for you and your friends?" Or "Are you on any prescription medications? If so, what, and for how long have you been taking it?"

It is one thing to watch a little of the Real World on T.V., but to actually take the time to go to a book store and look for this book, you've must have a lot spare time in your life.

The Midnight Special

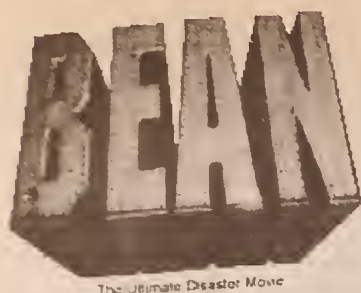
by B.R. Hunter

This is purely a book based on nostalgia, seeing that the show ran from 1972 - 1981. It looks back on the best shows, breaking down in detail 58 of their 423 episodes. In the glossary they break down each of the 423 episodes by naming the host, artists and songs.

So if you're one who digs 70's rock, you can check out VH1 who currently airs the repeats and check out the likes of Wolfman Jack, the Pretenders, Barry White, Rod Stewart, Willie Nelson, James Brown, KC & the Sunshine Band, Journey, Isaac Hayes and many many more.

-Aaron Barrett





Bean **
Gramercy Pictures
plot: Mr. Bean gets sent to America and poses as a doctor and an art historian.

How can a person make a career out of being a dork? I was never a fan of Mr. Bean on TV - the laugh track drives me nuts. Man, you don't have to tell me when to laugh - it makes me want to not laugh, just for spite. It's one of those things - you either love Mr. Bean or you don't... needless to say, I certainly didn't think I was going to enjoy this movie. But it was alright. Rowan Atkinson stars as Bean, a big flake. It's pretty much the same routine as the show on channel two, only grander and flashier (and no laugh track, thank god).

I thought the movie was going to be another 'Beavis and Butthead' tragedy (i.e., thirty minutes is enough, two hours is pushing things.) The funny scenes all previewed on TV and in the 'coming attractions.' But the movie did have its good points - the guy is a riot. Some of the scenes get those gut-wrenching laughs, the kind that you rarely hear and never seem to do yourself (life in general just isn't that funny); the kind of laugh that leaves you spent but feels really good anyway.

You know, it's a strange thing when you find yourself sitting in a theatre right behind your dad and his date, and even stranger when the theatre is packed and you're the only two people laughing loudly at the funny parts.



Bean takes on the Big Screen



The Jackal **1/2
Universal/Mutual Films
plot: A paid assassin (the Jackal) is out to kill someone big in the U.S. Another assassin is taken out of jail in order to help the U.S. government catch the guy.

Bruce Willis does a good job as the Jackal. The makeup artist responsible for his character did a fantastic job. Is it my imagination, or do all of the characters he plays seem to have a snotty attitude, as if he thinks he's better than everyone else there...? Richard Gere (Deckland Mulqueen) wasn't particularly exciting here, pretty average. He did an okay job with the accent (Irish? Scottish?), but it didn't sound right, coming out of his

mouth. Every time he talked I was surprised at the noise he made. Diane Venora (Valentina) was really good - she was in Romeo and Juliet. Her character here, a Russian military woman, is a big step away from her role as Mrs. Capulet, and her accent is great.

The storyline isn't particularly original, although the characters all seem to have a bit of depth. All of them except, of course, for the Jackal himself - the one guy you'd like to know more about. I guess you can't always get what you want. Actually, the fact that the Jackal remains a mystery might bother people to an extent that the missing details will actually lead them to remember the movie itself, in which case director Michael Caton has done his job well.

I didn't know what to expect from the movie, and the opening credits/music/filming is really misleading. I mean, it's fantastic, but it leads you to think the rest of the movie will be filled with such incredible imagery and stuff. But no. All in all it's a good film, but not an award-winner.

CINEMA WORLD

11/21 - 11/30

Bean(PG)
12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:20

Starship Troopers
(R) - 2:45, 3:30, 7:9:40

Man who knows.. (R)
- 1:15, 3:30, 7:15, 9:20

The Jackal (R) - I,
3:30, 7:00, 9:30

Little Mermaid (R) -
12:20, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30

The Boogie Nights
(R) - 3:30, 9:15

Mad City (PG-13) -
1, 6:45

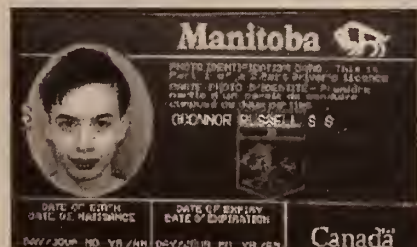
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(R) - 1:00, 7:30, 9:45

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Blind Man with Driver's Licence



captured Italian police, working to crack down on welfare fraud, came across a man who was registered as blind, yet held a driver's license. The unidentified man was arrested, but explained to a judge in Perugia that he had gone on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, last year and had his vision restored in a "miracle". The judge dismissed fraud charges against him.

14-year-old Anti-Semitic Wins First-Prize

The Saybrook, Ill., Lions Club apparently liked 14-year-old Virginia Payne's Halloween costume. The girl was dressed in a white robe decorated with swastikas and phrases such as "Kill Them All" and "White Power" for the club's 35th annual costume contest. The Lions liked it so much, in fact, they awarded the eighth



grader first prize. In the uproar that followed, Payne pointed out that she had a teardrop painted on her cheek to represent "the pain and suffering people endured during World War II." Further, "I didn't go [dressed] as a Nazi," she explained. "I went as a dead Nazi."

Poland Secret Agents Breathe Easier

Poland's intelligence chief General Andrzej Kapkowski has issued new work rules for the country's spies. Cloak and dagger employees will be required to work only 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. If weekend work is required, the trench-coated tradesmen must be given time off during the week in compensation. Further, pregnant spies must not be made to work more than eight hours per day, agents can only be put "on call" from home four times per month, and anyone who has to work surveillance missions in bad weather may go home two hours early.



Five Star Restaurants Serve Toilet Water
The Dutch Consumers' Union reports

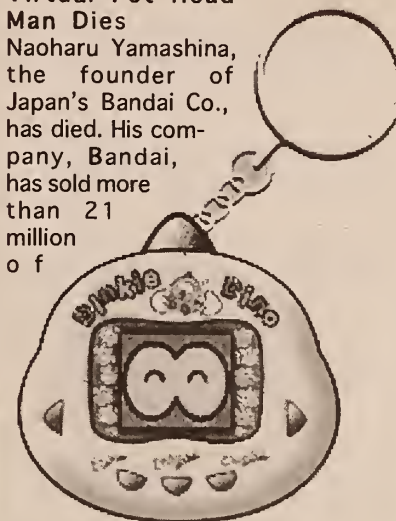
that in checks on 31 restaurants around Holland, 11 actually served carbonated tap water when customers ordered mineral water. The water was "exactly the same as water from a tap in the cafe's toilet," the report said.



stopped the sweeper and recovered their dog unharmed. Meanwhile, police in Orlando, Fla., had just completed an 18-day effort to "clear" homeless people sleeping in the streets when a city sweeper accidentally swept up a man who, police say, had apparently been drinking and passed out in the gutter. He did not survive.

Virtual Pet Head-Man Dies

Naoharu Yamashina, the founder of Japan's Bandai Co., has died. His company, Bandai, has sold more than 21 million of



the "virtual pet" toys. Critics speculate the cause of death was neglect.

President's Bad-Hair-Day Costs \$7.6 Million

Now that the newly designed \$100 bills are in circulation, the U.S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing is ready to release their newly designed \$50 bills. Except that the portrait of Ulysses S. Grant on 217.6 million of the notes printed so far have unacceptable flaws: Grant's hair looks funny. Since the way the hair is depicted is part of the bill's anti-counterfeiting protection, Treasury is planning to destroy and reprint the notes, which will cost taxpayers \$7.6 million.



Man Slaughtered in Street Sweeping Incident

A barking Yorkshire terrier chasing a street sweeping machine in Swansea, Wales, got too close and was sucked into the machine. Its owners, who apparently watched the entire incident,

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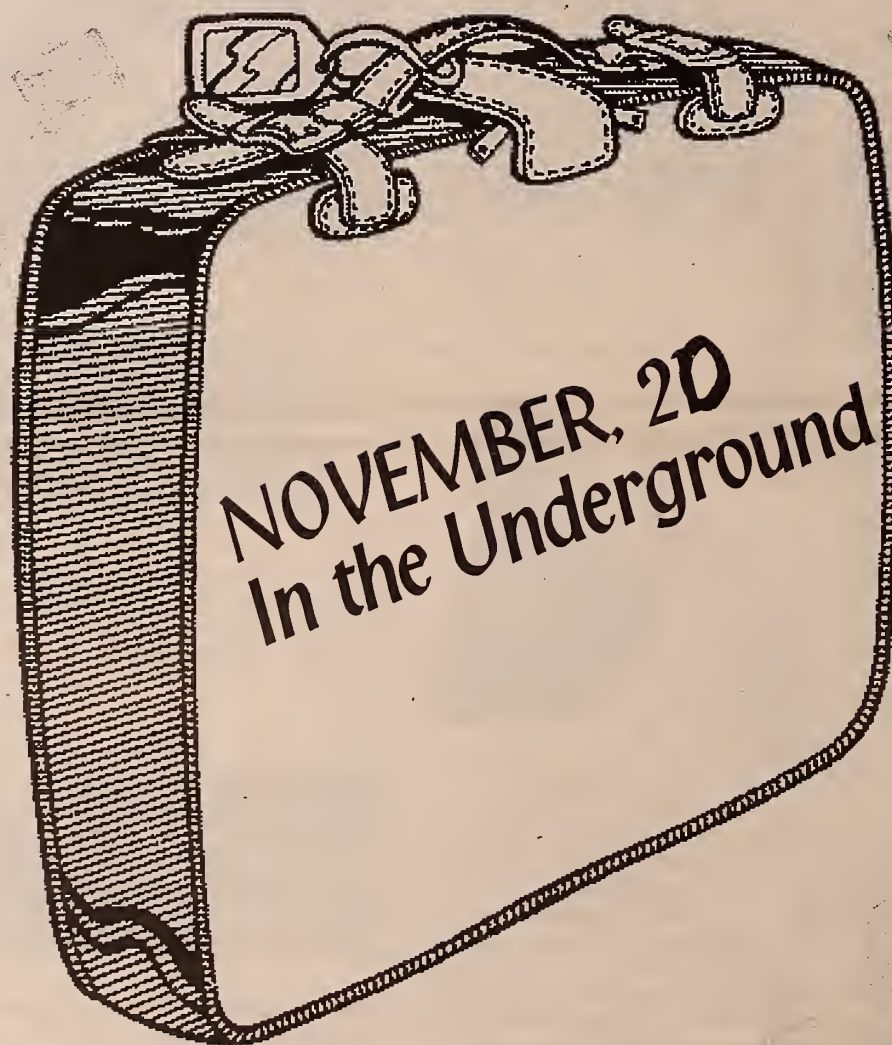
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Sports Bits

Women's Soccer



Fitchburg State Women's Soccer team lost 3 - 0 on their single elimination bid in the MAIAW Tournament. Lee Churchill and Laura Maria made the All-Tournament team for MAIAW.

The Falcons compiled a 12-6-1 record for the season. Jennifer Duncan led the team in scoring with 8 goals and 6 assists for 22

points.

Maria McKenna was second with 9-1-19 totals, and Laura Maria was third with 5-5-15. Jennifer Duncan also had a .82 goals against average in net while compiling a 9-4-1 record, while Cheryl Briggs had a 1.38 GAA (goals against average) and a 3-2-0 record.

Hockey

On Saturday, November 15, the Falcons pulled off a 5-5 tie with Plymouth Sate. Rob Lavery led the way with a hat trick and an assist. Two of his goals were scored on the power play while the other was short handed. Jeff DuRoss scored, tying on the power play with 10:32 remaining in the third. Steve Burm had the other goal for Fitchburg, while captain Damon Moore had a pair of assists. Goalie Keith McKenzie made 38 saves in the game while his team was outshot 43-4

- Aaron Barrett

Falcons take on Curry at St. Bernard's High

The makeup football game against Curry College this Saturday will take place at the Bernardian Bowl at St. Bernard's High School. The game, postponed from last Saturday due to an ice covered field, has been rescheduled to 12:00 Saturday, November 22.

"The status of our field is very questionable," commented F.S.C. Athletic Director Sue Lauder. "St. Bernard's field is in much better shape and is available on Saturday so we decided to make arrangements today. We really appreciate the cooperation of St. Bernard's athletic director John Rabideau."

This is the third time the Falcons are calling the Bernardian Bowl "home" this season. Head coach Chris Nugai and his team are hoping St. Bernard's continues to provide good fortune, as the Falcons won both games played at the alternate site.

Fitchburg State won their season opener against Western New England, 17-1, then beat Westfield State, 35-13, in their next home game at the Bernardian Bowl. The Falcons are currently 2-7 on the year. Curry, meanwhile, is 0-8.

- Dave Marsh



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Cross-Country Dashes Through the Snow

The mens and women's cross-country teams ran and slid through five inches of snow in the New England Division III Championships this past Saturday.

F.S.C.'s runners braved the snowstorm on Friday to travel to the University of Southern Maine for the meet. The teams ran on a hilly golf-course covered with drifts of snow. The course was unplowed and consisted of packed down snow. In some places, the runners ran through five inches of snow. Runner Kerry Smith said, "It was insane."

Freshman Meghan Braun described the meet as, "white, slippery and cold." She said, "It was a true cross-country meet, we had to battle the elements."

The snow provided no traction as runners fell everywhere. In some places the snow was worn away, but that left a slippery trail of deep mud. It became a race of trying to stay on their feet as the team tried to have fun running in the treacherous conditions. Smith said, "I was surprised at the end at how many people said good job. Everyone understood how hard it was."

Despite the harsh conditions all of the Falcon runners finished. Unofficially, Alice Thomas ran the 3.1 mile course in 21:51. Katie Brace followed with a time of 22:18, and then Meghan Braun in 22:59. Behind Braun were AnnMarie Campo (24:36), Kerry Smith (26:26), Shara Shandrowski (27:45), and Lynn Maserati (27:27).

The men's teams had six finishers for the 5 mile course. Freshman Derek Delanski was first for the team with a time of 31:40. Following him where; Jake Lange (32:55), Jeff McCarthy (36:17), Tim Pellitier (37:20), Mike Sequin (41:26), and Alvin Lewis (44:58).

All of the times were slow due to the weather. Assistant coach, Kim Tabor, said of the team's performances, "Despite the conditions, everyone did their best and had fun."

- Katie Brace

Falcon Hockey Team Triumphs Once Again

Last Wednesday night the Fitchburg State Falcons managed to squeak by an underestimated Wentworth Institute of Technology team in a battle of the undefeated. When the dust finally settled the Falcons won the game 6-4.

The Wentworth Leopards struck first when Captain Doug Dunn capitalized on a power play. He found the back of the net behind Falcon goal tender Brad Watkins for an unassisted goal and put his team up 1-0.

The Falcons scored the equalizer not long after when John Quinlan slipped the puck past Leopard goal tender Jeff Reid. Eric Short and Captain Rob Lavery were in for the assists that tied the game 2-2.

The Falcons scored two more goals before the period ended, the first of which came with 3:03 remaining in the period. Quinlan and Kevin Lizotte set up Lavery, who tucked the puck in, for the go ahead goal. The second goal came with only 1:00 remaining. Derek Spilman made the score 3-1 when he sent a wrist shot past Reid. Gary Stone and K.C. Lavery were in for the assists on Spilman's goal.

The Leopards came out swinging in the second period and scored their second goal of the game 6:52 into the period. Captain Kevin Burke scored the power play goal with help from teammates Keith Ronan and Jonathan Deprula. Burke's goal brought the Leopards within reach with a score of 3-2.

"I thought Wentworth hustled and banged us and we didn't want to play a really tough game tonight," said Coach Dean Fuller.

The Leopards played outstanding defense for the remainder of the period, but the Falcons managed to score their own power play goal which ex-

tended their lead to two with 1:50 remaining in the second period. Lizotte redirected Captain Damon Moore's slap shot from the point making the score 4-2. Spilman was also in for an assist.

The Leopards did not lose any steam going into the third period. They made the score 4-3 only 52 seconds into the period. Ronan scored a power play goal over the shoulder of Watkins after Dunn and Ivan Filippov set him up out in front.

"We took a lot of unnecessary hooking and interference type penalties and we did not kill (penalties) well at all," said Fuller "Our good players made bad decisions defensively and I think that hurt us... Wentworth worked hard out there and deserved to be in the game."

However, the Falcons did not like the one point margin and scored two more goals, putting them up 6-3. Jeff DuRoss scored the first goal when he picked up Moore's rebound and sent his shot in from the point. Lavery was also in on the goal for his second assist of the night. D.J. Salvatore finalized the Falcon's scoring with 13:16 remaining in the game when Stone and K.C. Lavery sent him the puck from behind the Leopard's net for the easy goal.

The Leopard's did not give up and scored their last goal with 43 seconds remaining. Craig Amell scored the goal assisted by Mike Lapaluccio. They made the score final at 6-4.

Despite the Leopard's tremendous effort the Falcons won the game. The Falcons also tied Plymouth State 5-5 on Satmu to remain undefeated. The Falcons will play again tonight against their arch rivals, the U- Mass Dartmouth Corsairs in the Wallace Civic Center at 7:30.

- Brian Lamy

Athlete of the Week



Photo by Dave Marsh

Rob Lavery Ice Hockey

Captain Rob Lavery had two stellar performances this past week. In a tough game at Plymouth State (expected to come in second in the League) Lavery had a hat trick and an assist. He also had a goal and two assists in the team's 6-4 win over Wentworth.

Falcons Seek Revenge against U-Mass Dartmouth

Fitchburg State's Hockey team has a big game against rival UMass-Dartmouth tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 at the Civic Center. They have a 3-0-1 record heading into tonight's game.

The two teams have met the last three years in the ECAC North/Central/South title game. UMD won last year, 6-3, at the crowded Civic Center where MVP Jarrod Dibona had 2 goals and 2 assists. Damon Moore, Derek Spilman and Dan Genatossio scored for the Falcons.

The previous year Fitchburg was triumphant over UMass- Dartmouth in a 2-1 overtime game in which goalie Aaron Abitz made 53 saves and was named MVP. Dan Genatossio was the hero scoring in overtime.

In 1995 the Falcons weren't so lucky losing to UMD, 5-1, at home. Both these teams are favorites to go back to the title game again.

- Aaron Barrett

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